IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A data recording medium for use with a recording/reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a medium identification information unique to the data recording medium recorded thereon;

a plurality of programs recorded on the data recording medium, wherein the medium identification information includes information with which ~~one~~ a designated program of the plurality of programs is designated and a non-designated program of the plurality of programs is not designated; and

a starting program, recorded on the data recording medium, configured to cause [[a]] the designated program of the plurality of programs, designated by the medium identification information, to automatically execute,

wherein, the designated program is automatically executed by the recording/reproducing apparatus in response to the medium identification information being detected on the data recording medium, and

wherein, the non-designated program, which is not designated in response to the medium identification information, is prevented from being executed by the recording/reproducing apparatus.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium as set forth in claim 3, wherein the data recording medium is bundled with a hardware device.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A program starting method for executing a program from a plurality of programs recorded on a recording medium, comprising:

obtaining medium identification information;

determining a type that the medium identification information represents;

selectively executing a designated program from the plurality of programs corresponding to the type that the medium identification information represents, the execution being actuated by a starting program recorded on the recording medium; [[and]]

preventing the executing of a non-designated program from the plurality of programs that does not correspond to the type that the medium identification information represents; and

performing an error process when a hardware identification information does not represent hardware that the medium identification information represents,

wherein the designated program is automatically executed in response to a recording/reproducing apparatus detecting the medium identification information on the recording medium.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 3, wherein said starting program is further configured to verify the medium identification information and a presence of a hardware device.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 3, wherein at least one of the plurality of programs is a user manual.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 4, wherein at least one of the plurality of programs is application software for use with the hardware device.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 3, wherein the medium identification information includes hardware recognition information.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 12, wherein one of the plurality of programs is started based on at least one of a presence or recognition of a hardware device.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The ~~data recording medium~~ program starting method according to claim 6, wherein the medium identification information includes hardware recognition information.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The ~~data recording medium~~ program starting method according to claim [[13]] 14, wherein said selectively ~~starting~~ executing includes a starting of one of the plurality of programs based on at least one of a presence or recognition of a hardware device.

Claim 16 (New): The data recording medium according to claim 3, wherein the medium identification information includes a plurality of disc identification numbers and

each of the plurality of disc identification numbers corresponds to one of the plurality of

programs recorded on the data recording medium.

Claim 17 (New): The program starting method according to claim 6, wherein the

medium identification information includes a plurality of disc identification numbers and

each of the plurality of disc identification numbers corresponds to one of the plurality of

programs recorded on the recording medium.